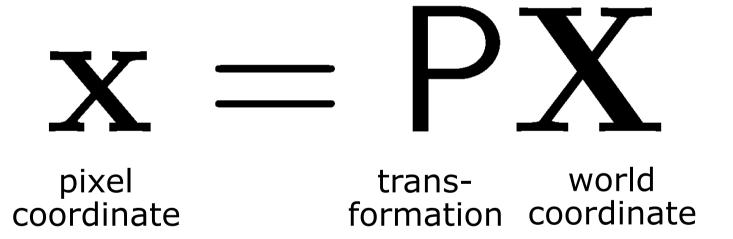
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Camera Calibration: Direct Linear Transform

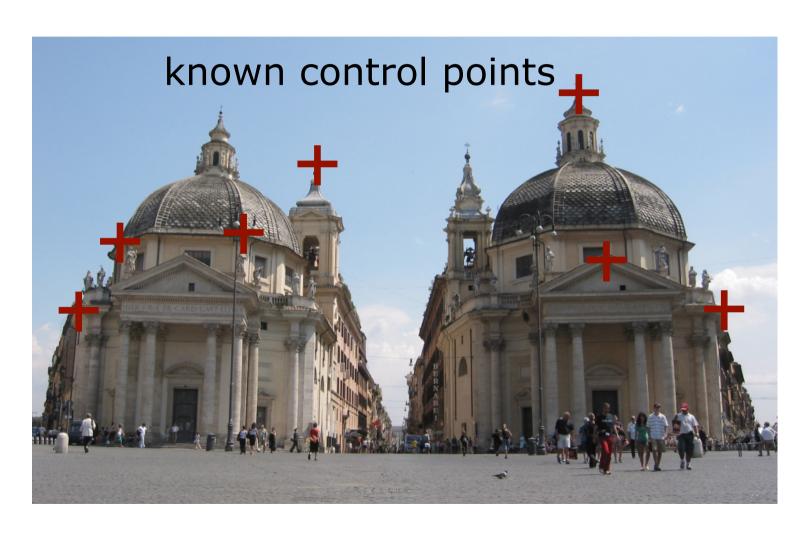
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3D Point to Pixel: Estimating the Parameters of P



Estimating Camera Parameters Given the Geometry

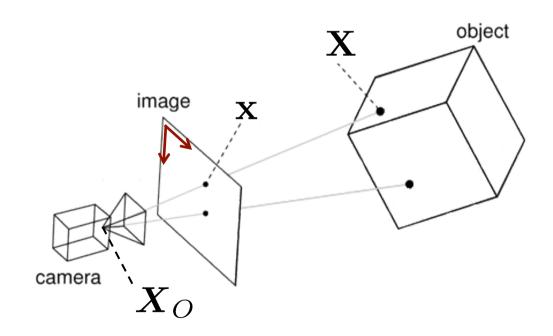


Estimate Ex- and Intrinsics

- Wanted: Extrinsic and intrinsic parameters of a camera
- Given: Coordinates of object points (control points)
- Observed: Coordinates (x, y) of those known 3D object points in the image

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$$= \mathbf{P}\mathbf{X}$$

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Direct linear transform (DLT) maps any object point \mathbf{X} to the image point \mathbf{x}

$$\mathbf{x}_{3\times 1} = \mathbf{K}_{3\times 3} \mathbf{R}_{3\times 3} \begin{bmatrix} I_3 | -X_O \\ 3\times 3 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{X}_{4\times 1}$$

$$= \mathbf{P}_{3\times 4} \mathbf{X}_{4\times 1}$$

Camera Parameters

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathsf{K}R[I_3| - \mathbf{X}_O]\mathbf{X} = \mathsf{P} \mathbf{X}$$

Intrinsics

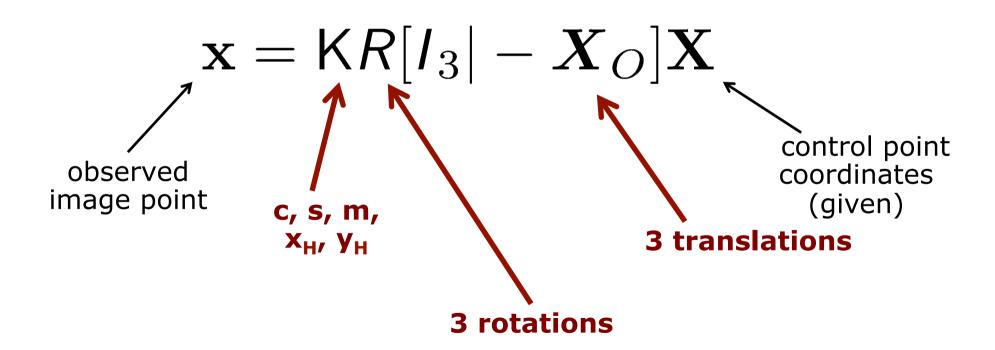
- Camera-internal parameters
- Given through K

Extrinsics

- Pose parameters of the camera
- ullet Given through $oldsymbol{X}_O$ and R
- Projection matrix $P = KR[I_3| X_O]$ contains both, the in- and extrinsics

Direct Linear Transform (DLT)

Compute the 11 intrinsic and extrinsic parameters



$$\mathbf{x} = \mathsf{P} \mathbf{X}$$

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$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = P \begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Each point gives **two** observation equations, one for each image coordinate

$$x = \frac{p_{11}X + p_{12}Y + p_{13}Z + p_{14}}{p_{31}X + p_{32}Y + p_{33}Z + p_{34}}$$
$$y = \frac{p_{21}X + p_{22}Y + p_{23}Z + p_{24}}{p_{31}X + p_{32}Y + p_{33}Z + p_{34}}$$

Spatial Resection vs. DLT

- Calibrated camera
 - 6 unknowns
 - We need at least 3 points
 - Problem solved by spatial resection
- Uncalibrated camera
 - 11 unknowns
 - We need at least 6 points
 - Assuming the model of an affine camera
 - Problem solved by DLT

DLT: Direct Linear Transform

Computing the Orientation of an Uncalibrated Camera Using ≥ 6 Known Points

DLT: Problem Specification

- Task: Estimate the 11 elements of P
- Given:
 - lacksquare 3D coordinates \mathbf{X}_i of $I\geq 6$ object points
 - Observed image coordinates x_i of an uncalibrated camera with the mapping

$$\mathbf{x}_i = \mathsf{P} \mathbf{X}_i \qquad i = 1, \dots, I$$

Data association

$$\mathbf{x}_i = \Pr_{3 \times 4} \mathbf{X}_i = \begin{bmatrix} p_{11} & p_{12} & p_{13} & p_{14} \\ p_{21} & p_{22} & p_{23} & p_{24} \\ p_{31} & p_{32} & p_{33} & p_{34} \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{X}_i$$

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Define the tree vectors A, B, C as follows

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} p_{11} \\ p_{12} \\ p_{13} \\ p_{14} \end{bmatrix} \qquad \mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} p_{21} \\ p_{22} \\ p_{23} \\ p_{24} \end{bmatrix} \qquad \mathbf{C} = \begin{bmatrix} p_{31} \\ p_{32} \\ p_{33} \\ p_{34} \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$\mathbf{x}_i = \begin{bmatrix} x_i \\ y_i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} u_i \\ v_i \\ w_i \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A}^\mathsf{T} \mathbf{X}_i \\ \mathbf{B}^\mathsf{T} \mathbf{X}_i \\ \mathbf{C}^\mathsf{T} \mathbf{X}_i \end{bmatrix}$$



$$x_i = \frac{u_i}{w_i} = \frac{\mathbf{A}^\mathsf{T} \mathbf{X}_i}{\mathbf{C}^\mathsf{T} \mathbf{X}_i} \qquad y_i = \frac{v_i}{w_i} = \frac{\mathbf{B}^\mathsf{T} \mathbf{X}_i}{\mathbf{C}^\mathsf{T} \mathbf{X}_i}$$

$$x_i = \frac{\mathbf{A}^\mathsf{T} \mathbf{X}_i}{\mathbf{C}^\mathsf{T} \mathbf{X}_i} \quad \Rightarrow \quad x_i \, \mathbf{C}^\mathsf{T} \mathbf{X}_i - \mathbf{A}^\mathsf{T} \mathbf{X}_i = 0$$

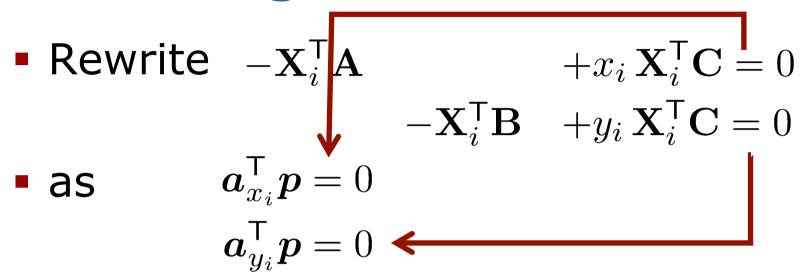
$$y_i = \frac{\mathbf{B}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{X}_i}{\mathbf{C}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{X}_i} \quad \Rightarrow \quad y_i \, \mathbf{C}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{X}_i - \mathbf{B}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{X}_i = 0$$

Leads to an system of equation, which is linear in the parameters A, B and C

$$-\mathbf{X}_{i}^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{A} + x_{i}\mathbf{X}_{i}^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{C} = 0$$
$$-\mathbf{X}_{i}^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{B} + y_{i}\mathbf{X}_{i}^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{C} = 0$$

 Collect the elements of P within a parameter vector p

$$p = (p_k) = \begin{bmatrix} A \\ B \end{bmatrix} = \text{vec}(P^T)$$
rows of P as column-vectors, one below the other (12x1)



• Rewrite $-\mathbf{X}_i^\mathsf{T}\mathbf{A}$

$$+x_i \mathbf{X}_i^\mathsf{T} \mathbf{C} = 0$$

$$-\mathbf{X}_i^\mathsf{T}\mathbf{B} + y_i \,\mathbf{X}_i^\mathsf{T}\mathbf{C} = 0$$

as

$$\boldsymbol{a}_{x_i}^\mathsf{T} \boldsymbol{p} = 0$$

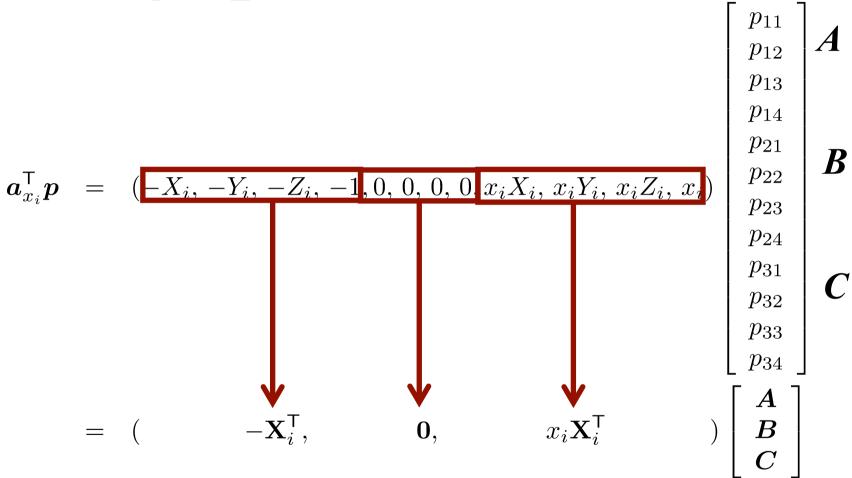
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with

$$\mathbf{p} = (p_k) = \operatorname{vec}(\mathsf{P}^\mathsf{T})
\mathbf{a}_{x_i}^\mathsf{T} = (-\mathbf{X}_i^\mathsf{T}, \mathbf{0}^\mathsf{T}, x_i \mathbf{X}_i^\mathsf{T})
= (-X_i, -Y_i, -Z_i, -1, 0, 0, 0, 0, x_i X_i, x_i Y_i, x_i Z_i, x_i)
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$$m{a}_{x_i}^{\mathsf{T}} m{p} = (-X_i, -Y_i, -Z_i, -1, 0, 0, 0, 0, x_i X_i, x_i Y_i, x_i Z_i, x_i) egin{bmatrix} p_{11} \\ p_{12} \\ p_{21} \\ p_{22} \\ p_{23} \\ p_{24} \\ p_{31} \\ p_{32} \\ p_{33} \\ p_{34} \\ \end{pmatrix} m{E}$$





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For each point, we have

$$oldsymbol{a}_{x_i}^\mathsf{T} oldsymbol{p} = 0$$
 $oldsymbol{a}_{y_i}^\mathsf{T} oldsymbol{p} = 0$

Stacking everything together

$$\left[egin{array}{c} oldsymbol{a}_{x_1}^{\mathsf{T}} \ oldsymbol{a}_{y_1}^{\mathsf{T}} \ oldsymbol{a}_{x_i}^{\mathsf{T}} \ oldsymbol{a}_{y_i}^{\mathsf{T}} \ oldsymbol{a}_{x_I}^{\mathsf{T}} \ oldsymbol{a}_{x_I}^{\mathsf{T}} \ oldsymbol{a}_{x_I}^{\mathsf{T}} \end{array}
ight] oldsymbol{p} = egin{array}{c} \mathsf{M} & oldsymbol{p} \ 2I imes 12 & 12 imes 1 \end{array} = 0$$

Solving the Linear System (Homogeneous System => SVD)

- Solving a system of linear equations of the form $A \ x = 0$ is equivalent to finding the null space of A
- Thus, we can apply the SVD to solve M $oldsymbol{p}\stackrel{!}{=} \mathbf{0}$
- Choose p as the singular vector belonging to the singular value of 0

Redundant Observations

■ In case of redundant observations, we will have contradictions $(Mp \neq 0)$:

$$M p = w$$

Find p such that it minimizes

$$\Omega = \boldsymbol{w}^{\mathsf{T}} \boldsymbol{w}$$
 $\Rightarrow \widehat{\boldsymbol{p}} = \arg\min_{\boldsymbol{p}} \ \boldsymbol{w}^{\mathsf{T}} \boldsymbol{w}$
 $= \arg\min_{\boldsymbol{p}} \ \boldsymbol{p}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathsf{M}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathsf{M} \boldsymbol{p}$
with $||P||_2 = \sum_{ij} p_{ij}^2 = ||\boldsymbol{p}|| = 1$

Redundant Observations

Singular value decomposition (SVD)

$$M_{2I \times 12} = U S V^{\mathsf{T}}_{2I \times 12} = \sum_{2I \times 12}^{12} s_i u_i v_i^{\mathsf{T}}$$

• Choosing $p=v_{12}$ (the singular vector belonging to the smallest singular value s_{12}) minimizes Ω

Obtaining the Projection Matrix

• Choosing $p = v_{12}$ minimizes Ω and thus is our estimate of P:

$$\mathbf{p} = \begin{bmatrix} p_{11} \\ \vdots \\ p_{34} \end{bmatrix} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \mathbf{P} = \begin{bmatrix} p_{11} & p_{12} & p_{13} & p_{14} \\ p_{21} & p_{22} & p_{23} & p_{24} \\ p_{31} & p_{32} & p_{33} & p_{34} \end{bmatrix}$$

Does this always work?

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$$= \ \begin{bmatrix} -X_i & -Y_i \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -X_i & -Y_i \\ \dots \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & x_i X_i & x_i Y_i \\ 0 & -1 & y_i X_i & y_i Y_i \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & x_i \\ y_i \end{bmatrix}$$

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- No solution, if
 - All points X_i are located on a plane
 - (All points X_i and the projection center X_o are located on a twisted cubic curve)

From P to K, R, X_O

- We have P, how to obtain K, R, X_O ?
- Structure of the projection matrix

$$\mathsf{P} = [\mathsf{K}R| - \mathsf{K}R\boldsymbol{X}_O] = [\mathsf{H}|\mathbf{h}]$$

with

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Rotation matrix:

- Let's look to the structure H = KR
- What do we know about the matrices?

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 $h = -KRX_O$

Rotation matrix:

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QR-decomposition

$$H = KR$$
 $h = -KRX_O$

- We perform this for H⁻¹ given the order of rotation and triangular matrix
- QR decomposition of H⁻¹ yields rotation and calibration matrix

$$H^{-1} = (K R)^{-1} = R^{-1} K^{-1} = R^{T} K^{-1}$$

- The matrix H = KR is homogenous
- Thus, is the calibration matrix
- Due to homogeneity normalize

$$K \leftarrow \frac{1}{\mathsf{K}_{33}}\mathsf{K}$$

- Decomposition $H^{-1} = R^T K^{-1}$ results in K with **positive** diagonal elements
- To get negative camera constant, choose

$$\mathsf{K} \leftarrow \mathsf{K} R(z,\pi) \qquad R \leftarrow R(z,\pi) R$$

using

$$R(z,\pi) = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

decomposition still holds $H = KR(z, \pi) R(z, \pi) R = KR$

DLT in a Nutshell

1. Build the M for the linear system

with

$$\mathbf{a}_{x_i}^{\mathsf{T}} = (-X_i, -Y_i, -Z_i, -1, 0, 0, 0, 0, x_i X_i, x_i Y_i, x_i Z_i, x_i)$$

$$\mathbf{a}_{y_i}^{\mathsf{T}} = (0, 0, 0, 0, -X_i, -Y_i, -Z_i, -1, y_i X_i, y_i Y_i, y_i Z_i, y_i)$$

DLT in a Nutshell

2. Solve by SVD $M = U S V^T$ Solution is last column of V

$$m{p} = m{v}_{12} \; \Rightarrow \; \mathsf{P} = \left[egin{array}{cccc} p_1 & p_2 & p_3 & p_4 \ p_5 & p_6 & p_7 & p_8 \ p_9 & p_{10} & p_{11} & p_{12} \end{array}
ight]$$

DLT in a Nutshell

3. If individual parameters are needed

$$\mathsf{P} = \mathsf{K}R\left[I_3| - \boldsymbol{X}_O\right] = \left[\mathsf{H}|\mathbf{h}\right]$$

$$X_O = -\mathsf{H}^{-1}\,\mathbf{h}$$

$$QR(H^{-1}) = R^{\mathsf{T}} K^{-1}$$

$$R \leftarrow R(z,\pi)R$$

$$K \leftarrow \frac{1}{\mathsf{K}_{33}} \mathsf{K} R(z,\pi)$$

Discussion DLT

- We realize $P \leftrightarrow (K, R, X_O)$ both ways
- We are free to choose sign of c
- Solution is instable if the control points lie approximately on a plane
- Solution is statistically not optimal (no uncertainties of point coordinates)

Summary

- Direct linear transforms estimates the intrinsic and extrinsic of a camera
- Computes the parameters for the mapping of the uncalibrated camera
- Requires at least 6 known control points in 3D
- Direct solution (no initial guess)

Literature

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